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Examiner : B. J. Forman

Group Art Unit : 1634

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Summary of Interview begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.